



I wish to have a golf cart

Mila, 12

leukemia

Mila was diagnosed with leukemia in May of 2020 when she was nine years old. We did not notice anything wrong, other than a growth on her throat, that could indicate any issue. She was still energetic and completely normal before we started treatment. It was a very hard beginning, with the first few months of treatment inpatient with complications that led her to lose 35% of her body weight. She was unable to walk and eat, so she was on a feeding tube for a while. At the time, with COVID going around, only Mom and Dad were allowed at the hospital, one person at a time, but the nurses would be lenient when Mila was having a hard time so we could both help out. She was only getting a couple hours of sleep a day for a while. We gave her 24/7 back rubs that kept her comfortable. After she gained some strength back, we were able to go home, and Mila started back with school activities online. All kids were in online schooling, so it wasn't much different for her than everyone else. The timeframe of her treatment had positives and negatives, but she got through it.

Fast forward two and a half years: Mila completed her last chemo treatment, and we are currently monitoring monthly for any changes. She is back to her normal fun-loving self but is now a 12-year-old girl with so much ahead of her.

Mila's hospital introduced us to Make-A-Wish while she was in treatment, which led us to some amazing people that were helping Mila decide what she would like for a wish. Ultimately, she chose a golf cart that she loves. We took a ride right when we received the cart – it was only 20 degrees outside, but she was excited! We are so happy that we can enjoy the wish together as a family for a long time. Really appreciate the donor's care for people that makes a huge difference in our life and others.

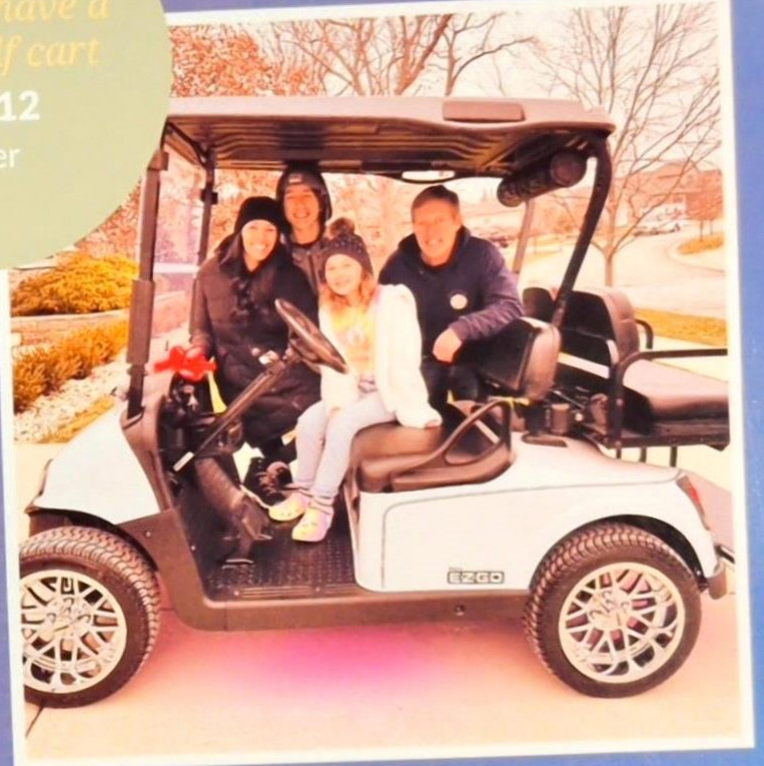
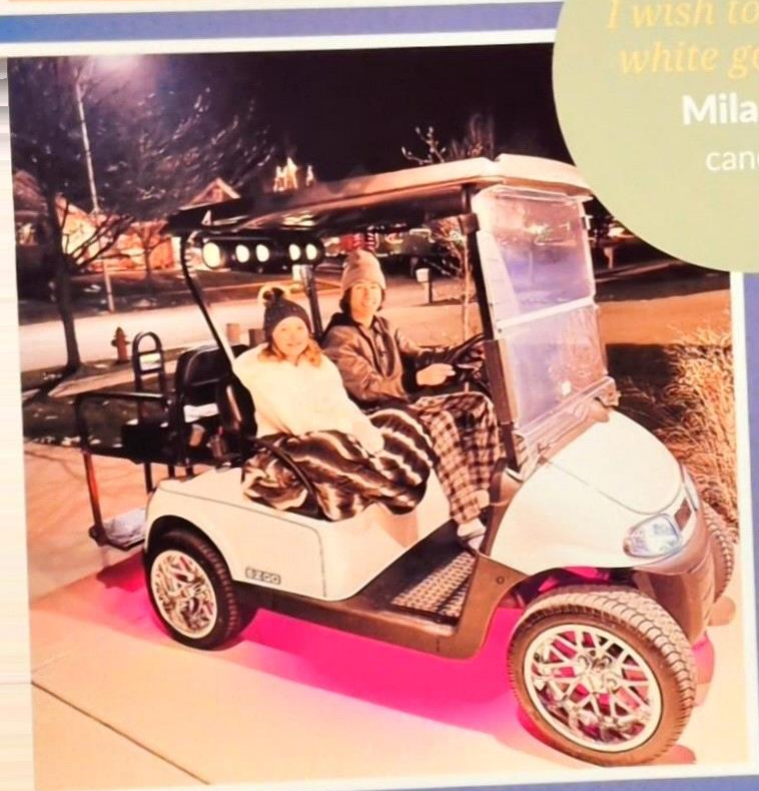
Thank you so much,
Mila and Family

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white golf cart*
Mila, 12
cancer

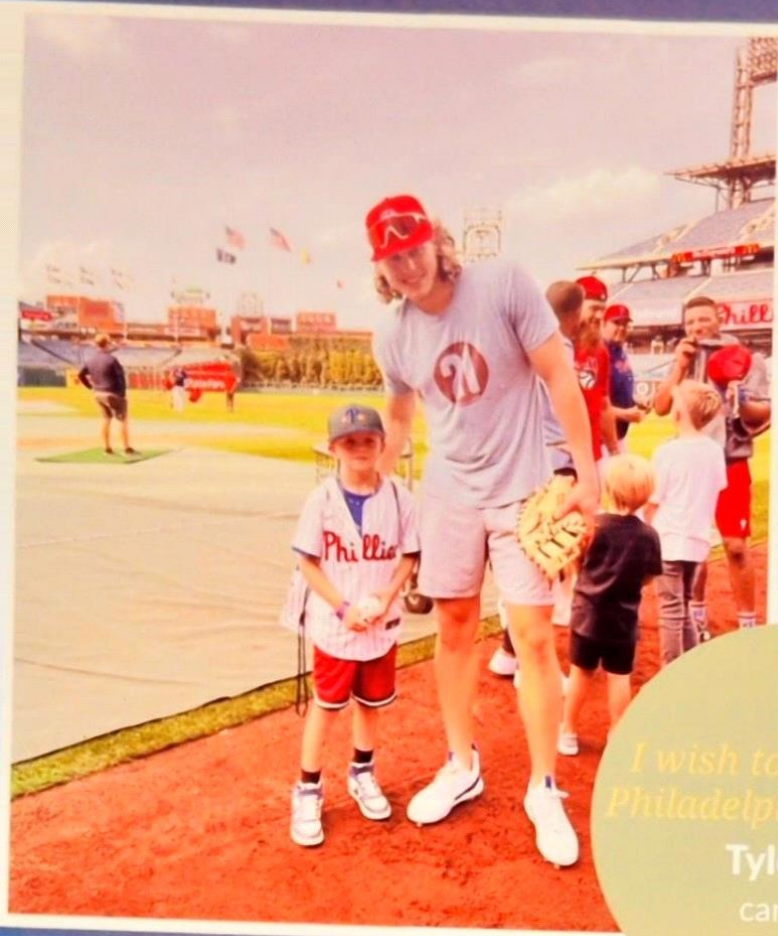


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*I wish to meet the
Philadelphia Phillies*

Tyler, 7
cancer



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*I wish to have
a camper*

Damian, 12
nervous system
disorder

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*I wish to have
a shopping spree*

Adira, 14
kidney transplant

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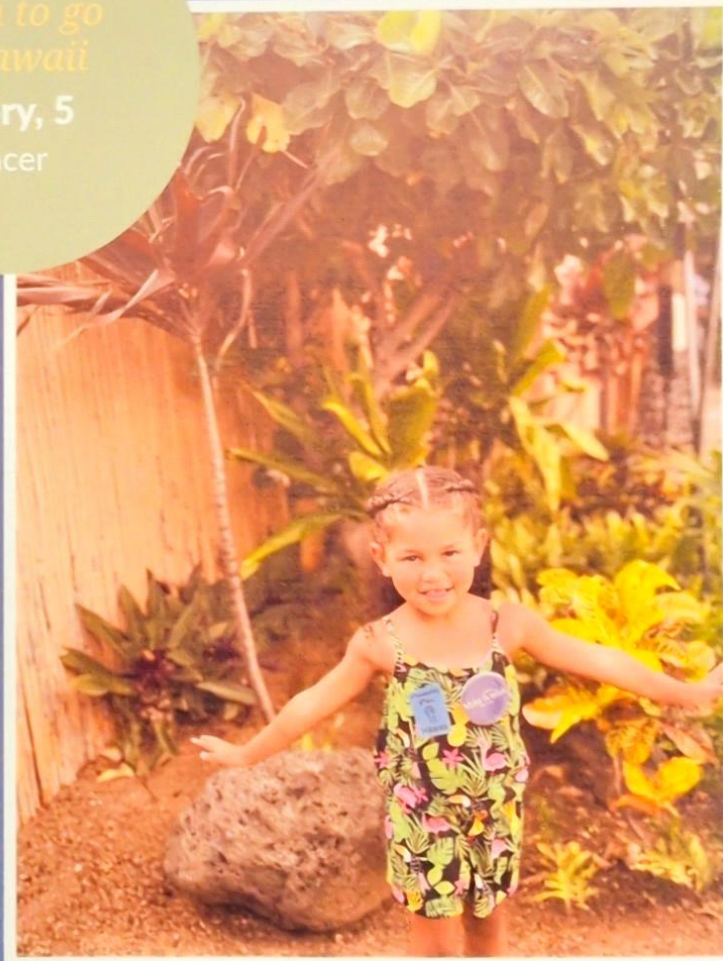
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*I wish to go
to Hawaii*
Emory, 5
cancer



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*I wish to meet
the Yankees*

Greta, 16
transplant

Greta had a heart transplant when she was eight-months-old due to a rare type of cardiomyopathy. All has been well, but due to medication she takes to prevent the rejection of her heart, she had over-growth of her lymph tissue, which for her, ended in diagnosis of lymphoma when she was 14. She was treated with chemotherapy and radiation and has been diagnosed cancer-free. We hope this doesn't come back, but she does need to stay on the immunosuppressant medication. She approaches her health with a very positive attitude.

We were introduced to Make-A-Wish through the hospital during her cancer treatment. We were surprised, but her wish was something she could think about during her treatment.

Greta's wish was to have a day at Yankee Stadium. The entire experience was great; from seeing the Yankee Museum and Monument Field, to being on field during batting practice (where she met players and said hi to their manager!), to dinner and the game, it was a wonderful experience. Greta is a huge Yankees fan. As a parent, it was great watching her experience it all and enjoying the day.

Greta's wish was important because it gave Greta something to look forward to during her treatment; she may not have understood all the things happening to her, and she could focus on this, something different than chemo and radiation.

This was truly a great experience for Greta as she's a huge Yankees fan. It was great for her to experience some behind-the-scenes activities and meet the players. She'll always remember the wish and her day.

— Greta's Family



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I wish to go to a Formula 1 race!

Jayden, 18

cancer

